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SUBJECT: ATHERTON, HERZOG CONVERSATION, APRIL 29

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- 1. SEVERAL POINTS OF INTEREST EMERGED DURING INFORMAL CON-VERSATION BETWEEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON, AMBASSADOR LEONARD AND ISRAELI PERM REP HERZOG ON APRIL 29: (A) PEACE PROCESS- HERZOG COMMENTED THAT ACTING PM PERES HAS ASSEMBLED A NEW WORKING GROUP FOR PURPOSE OF CONCRETE PLANNING ON THE PEACE SETTLEMENT; (B) UNDOF RENEWAL- ACCORDING TO HERZOG, UNDOF COMMANDER, MAJOR GENERAL PHILLIP, DURING HIS BRIEFINGS IN NEW YORK THIS
- MAJOR GENERAL PHILLIP, DURING HIS BRIEFINGS IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK, TOLD HIM AND OTHERS THAT THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS FROM SYRIANS THAT RENEWAL OF UNDOF MANDATE AT END OF MAY WOULD NOT RPT NOT GO SMOOTHLY;
- (C) NAHAL SETTLEMENT (USUN 1277) HERZOG COMMENTED THAT HE HAD JUST LEARNED OF NEW NAHAL SETTLEMENT IN SAMARIA FROM JERUSALEM POST AND THAT HE PERSONALLY COULD NOT AGREE WITH IT. ATHERTON REFERRED TO POTENTIAL DAMAGE TO PEACE PROCESS IF EGYPTIANS FELT COMPELLED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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CALL FOR ANOTHER SC MEETING ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND NOTED THE DIFFICULT POSITION IN WHICH THE US WOULD BE PLACED IN VOTING FOR A RESOLUTION ON SETTLEMENTS. HERZOG OPINED EGYPTIANS WOULD PROBABLY RESIST GOING TO SECURITY COUNCIL BEFORE THE ISRAELI ELECTIONS.

(D) PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE LETTERS (USUN 1170) - HERZOG REITERATED THE ISRAELI POSITION, NOTING THAT REPLYING

TO THESE LETTERS WOULD GIVE THE COMMITTEE IDEAS THAT IT SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

2. ON RELATIONS WITH THE USSR, HERZOG NOTED THE SOVIET DELEGATION APPEARS TO GO OUT OF ITS WAY TO POINT OUT TO ISRAELI MISSION THAT THE USSR HAS BEEN A MODERATING INFLUENCE AND HAS NOT BEEN TAKING UNHELPUL POSITIONS, SUCH AS ON ECOSOC DEBATE ON DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. IN ADDITION, SOVIET MISOFF AT RECENT INFORMAL LUNCHEON WITH ISRALI MISOFF SUGGESTED ISRAEL SHOULD PUBLICLY ASK FOR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH USSR. ISRAELI MISOFF REPLIED THAT SINCE USSR BROKE OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, USSR SHOULD PROPERLY TAKE THE INITIATIVE ON RESUMPTION. HERZOG SAID HE AGREED WITH HIS MISOFF'S RESPONSE. LEONARD

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